recently directed the State Governments to check the price rise;

(b) if so, the cause of the price rise of sugar in the country; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to make the availability of sugar to the consumers at a reasonable price?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Sugar prices in the open market remained steady during the period from December, 1986 upto May, 1988. However, the to speculative tendencies in the sugar market, the prices showed some rising trend during the months of June and July, 1988 In order to check the price rise, the Central Government has initiated the following measures:—

(i) The free sale sugar quota has been increased substantially from July, 1988.

(ii) Festival quota of 50,000 tonnes of levy sugar was allotted for each of the months of October and November, 1988, in addition to the normal monthly quota.

(iii) The State Governments were advised in June and July, 1988 and again in October, 1988 to ensure strict enforcement of the statutory provisions relating to stock holding limits and time limit prescribed for turnover of stocks. State Governments were also advised to carry out surprise checks and de-hoarding operations.

(iv) Officers of the Sugar Directorate visited sugar factories in some of the States to ensure enforcement of statutory provisions relating to weekly sales and despatches of released quantities by the sugar factories.

As a result of these measures, the range of retail prices of sugar, which was between Rs. 7.15 to Rs. 7.80 per kg at the end of June, 1988, came down to Rs. 6.55 to Rs. 7.50 per kg. as on 21-11-1988.

**ILO Criticism for Manpower Export to West Asia**

2794. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has criticised Government for not making a serious effort to manage, plan or canalize manpower export to West Asia;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on such criticism by ILO; and

(c) the further steps Government propose to take to improve the manpower export to West Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A number of steps have been taken to improve manpower export which include review of wage structure from time to time, simplification of emigration procedure, and publicity about the vast availability of technically trained manpower in India.

**Time bound modernisation programme for the Durgapur Steel Plant**

2795. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Durgapur Steel Plant were asked some time back to execute the modernisation programme within a time bound schedule;

(b) if so, how much allocations have been made by Government on the modernisation of the DSP;

(c) at what stage the modernisation of the DSP stands; and

(d) by when the task likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Seventh Plan (1985--90) Rs. 460 crores have been allocated for modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant. Out of which for current year i.e. 1988-89 allocation of Rs. 160 crores have been made in the Budget estimate.

(c) Government having already accorded approval to the proposed renovation and technological upgradation of Durgapur Steel Plant, are presently examining the definitive cost estimates. In the meanwhile, bids received in response to tenders for 5 full and 1 part package out of a total of 6 global packages of work are under evaluation and orders for seven out of 10 indigenous packages have been placed. Preliminary site work has also started.

(d) The modernisation programme is likely to be completed by September, 1992.

**Formulation of policies for the development of food Processing Industries**

2796. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry has formulated a policy for the development of Food Processing Industries in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said policy;

(c) whether Government propose to examine and implement the policy formulated by PHDCCI; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Various bodies and organisations including PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry have been making suggestions from time to time regarding problems faced by the food processing industries and suggesting measures for their development. All these suggestions have been taken into account while evolving a package of measures for the development of food processing industries.

**मध्य प्रदेश को लेवी चीनी, चावल और गेहूं का आवंटन**

2797. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने उनके लेवी चीनी, चावल और गेहूं के आवंटन में वृद्धि करने का अनुरोध किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिया है ?

**खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री डी०एल० बैठा)** (क) से (ग) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने चावल का आवंटन बढाकर 35,000 मीटरी टन प्रति मास करने के लिए अनुरोध किया है और यह आवंटन नवम्बर, 1988 के 20,000 मीटरी टन से बढा कर दिसम्बर, 1988 में 25,000 मीटरी टन कर दिया गया है ।

चीनी और गेहूं के आवंटन में वृद्धि करने के बारे में कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है । जहां तक लेवी चीनी का आवंटन करने का संबंध है, यह